என்று அரசாங்கத்தைக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். தவிர எப்பொழுது இந்த வேலை ஆரம்பிக்கப்படும், அதற்கு சாங்ஷன் செய்யப்பட்ட தொகை எவ்வளவு என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—' அங்கு பாலம் கட்டுவதாகத்தான் உத்தேசம். மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தின் அனுமதிக்காகக் காத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். $16\frac{1}{4}$ லட்சம் ரூபாயில் அங்கு பாலம் கட்டுவதாக உத்தேசிக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது."

Supply of mid-day meals to fishermen children.

* 2070 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to supply mid-day meals to fishermen children attending the schools in the State; and

(*b*) whether the Parava community children are provided with mid-day meals in their respective places?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"(*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) Pupils belonging to Parava community in Harijan Welfare Schools are provided with mid-day meals."

Panchayats and municipalities constituted in 1954

* 2071 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the number of panchayats and municipalities constituted during the calendar year 1954?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—"Three hundred and fifty-eight new panchayats were constituted during the year 1954. No municipality was constituted during the year."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—"Sir, the supplementary question I am now putting may not be relevant to the main question. I am only putting it to impress upon the Government the hardships undergone by the newly constituted panchayats in the matter of getting stationery articles. I understand Messrs. Hoe & Co., who have been authorized to supply the stationery articles, are not in a position to supply these articles . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member himself says that the question he is putting is not relevant to the main question. How can I allow that question?"

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—"I appeal to the Chair to allow the question. I only wish to know from the Government which company is supplying stationery to the panchayats and whether

the company is supplying properly and whether the Government are aware that the panchayats are undergoing lot of hardships in getting stationery at the proper time?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—"The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Elementary schools run by panchayats in Malabar.

* 2072 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many panchayats in Malabar run elementary schools; and

(*b*) whether the Government now give any grants-in-aid for schools run by panchayats?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(*a*) Three, Sir.

"(*b*) Teaching grants are given for lower elementary schools run by panchayats."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"May I know whether the teachers working in elementary schools under the control of panchayat boards are paid on a par with the teachers working in district boards and municipal schools?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"That is my impression. But I am unable to give an answer off-hand."

Assignment of forest waste lands to landless peasants

* 2073 *Q.*—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was made recently by 124 landless poor peasants that waste lands on the hilly tracts under the control of the Forest department situated near Kombai village, Periyakulam taluk, Madurai district, might be assigned to them for cultivation; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

SRI V. MADANAGOPAL :—"தயவு செய்து பதிலை தமிழிலும் சொல்லும்படியாகக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I shall first answer the question in English and then translate the same in Tamil.

"(*a*) & (*b*) No petition containing representation has been received from the landless poor peasants for assignment of waste land near Kombai village for purpose of cultivation. There was however a case of encroachment by the landless poor of Kombai village, Periyakulam taluk of Madurai district into Ramakkalmettu locality of Kombai reserved